

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of all claims:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable medium useful in association with a computer which includes a processor and a memory, the computer readable medium including computer instructions which are configured to cause the computer to assure adherence to a policy by a package to be delivered from a sender associated with an enterprise to one or more recipients through a computer network by:

responsive to receipt of package data which is generated by the sender and which specifies the package, applying a policy to the package wherein the policy is specified by policy data received from a policy authority of the sender, the policy authority including a rule base associated with the sender enterprise; determining whether the policy permits delivery of the package; and upon a condition in which the policy permits delivery of the package, delivering the package by:
sending notification to the recipients wherein the notification includes package identification data; and
responsive to receipt of the package identification data from a selected one of the recipients, providing the selected recipient with access to the package.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the policy applying comprises:

determining that the package satisfies one or more conditions; and if the package satisfies the one or more conditions, performing one or more actions which are associated with the one or more conditions.

3. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim [[1]] 2 wherein the one or more actions include blocking delivery of the package.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim [[1]] 2 wherein the one or more actions include blocking delivery of the package pending review of the package by the policy authority.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more actions include documenting the delivery of the package.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable claim of Claim 5 wherein the ~~one or more actions~~ documenting of the delivery of the package [[by]] includes storing a copy of the package.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 5 wherein the ~~one or more actions~~ documenting of the delivery of the package [[by]] includes sending a copy of the package to a predetermined recipient.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein at least a selected one of the ~~one or more~~ actions notifies at least one predetermined recipient of one or more others of the ~~one or more~~ actions.

9. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 8 wherein the predetermined recipient is the sender.

10. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more actions include modifying the package.

11. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the ~~one or more actions~~ modifying of the package [[by]] includes removing one or more data files attached to the package.

12. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 4 (original) 10 wherein the ~~one or more actions~~ modifying of the package [[by]] includes modifying a message within the package.

13. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the ~~one or more actions modifying of~~ package [[by]] includes modifying data which specifies the manner in which the package is to be delivered.

14. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the ~~one or more actions modifying of~~ package [[by]] includes modifying data which specifies recipient actions which can be performed on the package after receipt by the recipient.

15. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein [[the]] one or more of the conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to the sender.

16. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein [[the]] one or more of the conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to one or more of the recipients.

17. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein [[the]] one or more of the conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to one or more attributes of the package.

18. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the package data is generated by the sender through a web browser.

19. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 18 wherein the package data [is] includes HTML form data.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the policy data is received from the policy authority through a computer network.

21. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the computer network [is] includes the Internet.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the notification is sent to the recipients as an SMTP e-mail message.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the package identification data is supplied as part of a URL.

24. (*Currently Amended*) The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein sending the package to the providing the selected recipient with access to the package in response to receipt of the package identification data comprises: sending includes transferring the package in connection accordance with a hypertext transfer (HTTP) type protocol interaction.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 1, further comprising:

computer instructions executable to facilitate the receipt of the sender-generated package data.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 1, further comprising:

computer instructions executable to facilitate the receipt of the package identification data from one of the recipients.

27. (*Currently Amended*) A computer program product encoded in one or more computer readable media, the program product comprising:

instructions executable on [[a]] one or more servers interposed between a sender and one or more recipients to apply a rule based policy associated with the sender's enterprise to a package to be delivered from the sender to one or more of the recipients,

the instructions further executable to determine whether the policy permits delivery of the package to a particular one of the recipients, and upon determination of a condition in which the policy permits delivery of the package, executable to initiate notification of the particular recipient, wherein the notification includes

package identification data usable by the particular recipient to retrieve the package from at least one of the servers.

28. (*Currently Amended*) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising:

a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) type interface for sender interaction with at least one of the servers; and

a simple mail transfer protocol (SMTP) type interface for supply of a notification message to the particular recipient.

29. (*Currently Amended*) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein communications via at least one of the HTTP-type interface and the SMTP-type interface are secured using a secure socket layer (SSL) protocol.

30. (*Currently Amended*) A secure package delivery system comprising:
a service hosted on one or more servers and interposed between a sender and one or more recipients to apply a rule based policy associated with the sender's enterprise to a package to be delivered from the sender to one or more of the recipients; and
a policy manager of the service server operable to determine whether the policy permits delivery of the package to a particular one of the recipients, and upon determination of a condition in which the policy permits delivery of the package, to initiate notification of the particular recipient; and
a delivery manager operable to transmit to the particular recipient a notification message that includes package identification data usable by the particular recipient to retrieve the package from the service server.

31. (Previously Presented) The secure package delivery system of claim 30, further comprising:

an interface for communication with a policy authority for the sender's enterprise.

32. (Previously Presented) The secure package delivery system of claim 31, further comprising:

the policy authority.

33. (*Currently Amended*) The secure package delivery system of claim 30, further comprising:

a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) type interface for sender interaction with the service server; and

a simple mail transfer protocol (SMTP) type interface for supply of the notification message to the particular recipient.

34. (*Cancelled*)

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36. (*New*) The computer readable medium of claim 1, wherein the selected recipient is not associated with the sender enterprise.

37. (*New*) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the particular recipient is not associated with the sender enterprise.

38. (*New*) The secure package delivery system of claim 30, wherein the particular recipient is not associated with the sender enterprise.